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Government of India,
Ministry of States.

Hyderabad House,
New Delhi.
The 26 December 1949.

To

The Finance Secretary to the Government of Madhya Bharat, Gwalior/Rajasthan, Jaipur/PEPSU, Patiala Travancore and Cochin, Trivandrum/Hyderabad, Hyderabad-Deccan, and Mysore, Bangalore,
The Chief Secretary to the Government of Saurashtra, Rajkot and Vindhya Pradesh, Rewa.

Sir,

Subject:- Integration of the Postal and Telegraphs systems of the Indian States with the Indian Posts and Telegraphs Department

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I am directed to forward for the information of the State Government copy of letter No.C(States)-1/49 from the Government of India (Ministry of Communications) dated the 2nd December, 1949 addressed to the Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs, New Delhi.

CHIEF SECRETARY
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GOVT. OF MYSORE

Yours faithfully,

G. Swaminathan

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Deputy Secretary.

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NEW DELHI
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Memo No. 9129-9180/UB

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V Ramakrishnaya
Chief Secretary to Government.